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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY PERFORMING ARTISTS WITH
IMPRESARIO ELIAS GRAPPA--PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY AND
HARPSICHORDIST IGOR KIPNIS

1. CU/ARTS HAS JUST BEEN ADVISED OF TWO INCIDENTS CONCERN-
ING BUENOS AIRES IMPRESARIO ELIAS GRAPA, ORGANIZACION DE
CONCIERTOS.

2. PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING LATIN
AMERICAN TOUR WITH GRAPA FOR TWO YEARS. GRAPA HAS JUST
WRITTEN MANAGER "CRYPTIC LETTER SAYING HE WANTS TO CANCEL
TOUR.' COMPANY HAS HELD OPEN FIVE WEEKS STARTING
SEPTEMBER 20. CANCELLATION AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE DISASTER-
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OUS FOR COMPANY AND THOSE POSTS WHICH PLANNING PROVIDE

LOCAL SPONSORSHIP.

3. MANAGER ALBERT KAY HAS WRITTEN THAT CHECK FOR DOLS 1000 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF IGOR KIPNIS HAS "BOUNCED TWO TIMES." KAY CHECKED WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK WHERE CHECK WAS WRITTEN AND FOUND FUNDS WERE NEVER SUFFICIENT TO COVER CHECK. PAYMENT WAS IN FORM OF CHECK SIGNED BY JORGE LIEBERMANN PAYABLE TO ELIAS GRAPA AND ENDORSED TO

ALBERT KAY ASSOCIATES.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP EMBASSY ASSESSMENT GRAPA'S IMPRESARIO CAPABILITY AND BUSINESS REPUTATION. IF FAVORABLE REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS TAYLOR SITUATION WITH GRAPA TO DETERMINE IF TOUR CAN BE SALVAGED; AS COMPANY ANXIOUS HAVE HIM HONOR AGREEMENT TO BOOK FIVE-WEEK TOUR. ALSO ADVISE WHAT STEPS ALBERT KAY CAN TAKE TO OBTAIN DOLS 1000 OWED HIM. HABIB

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